Dear Members and Supporters,

It’s been an exciting and challenging year here at the Minnesota Women’s Consortium, one full of reflection and transformation. From positive developments in our organization to measurable progress for women in Minnesota, we’re excited to share with you the 2013-2014 highlights from the MWC.

Being a founding member of the Women’s Economic Security Act (WESA) Coalition was a rewarding and challenging experience for MWC. Collaborating with such a strong and talented group of organizations and individuals allowed us to forge connections, to share resources and to ultimately make a profound difference in the economic lives of the women of Minnesota. We look forward to continuing this important work with our partners at our side.

In June of this year, we wished a fond farewell to our Executive Director, Erin Parrish, as she moved on to pursue a new opportunity. Erin’s departure provided the board with the chance to take a deeper look at the organization and to strengthen our foundation as we prepare to meet our own new opportunities. At our annual meeting in July, we listened as member organizations expressed a desire for more engagement and as individual members sought a more defined role within the Consortium. The board is energized to respond to these requests and heartened to see new levels of engagement from our members and the surrounding community.

Our success this and every year is due to the commitment and support of our members, donors, and foundation and community partners. Each of you is essential to our work. The only way to make change is to work together. That is the value of the Minnesota Women’s Consortium—we are stronger together.

Thank you for your commitment to advancing equity and justice for all women.

Sincerely,

Beth Gibson Lilja
Board Co-Chair

Jennifer Williams Pavich
Board Co-Chair
As a statewide collaboration of 115 organizations and 4,200 individuals, the Minnesota Women’s Consortium advances equity and justice for all women through advocacy and collaboration.

Our members, diverse in background, worldview, and interest, illustrate our commitment to the intersectionality of oppression and justice as well as the value of collective leadership.

The Minnesota Women’s Consortium works to carry out our mission in accordance with a platform created by our members including parity and equity in leadership, health care for everyone, self-determination, peace and safety, and economic justice.

The daily work of the Women’s Consortium is guided by our mission, vision, and core values.

Our Mission

To advance equity and justice for all women through advocacy and collaboration.

Our Vision

A day when all women and girls have the freedom, power and confidence to reach their full potential.

Our Values

Equity and Justice: We honor the value and dignity of every person.

Inclusivity: We are committed to empowering diverse members and individuals and celebrating all women.

Integrity: We conduct ourselves with honesty and integrity.

Collaboration: We openly share our knowledge and expertise with others to advance our common goals.
In 2013-2014, the MWC...  

Passing the Women’s Economic Security Act

Seeing incredible energy nationwide with regards to women’s political issues, the MWC joined together in 2013 with 6 other feminist organizations to found the Women’s Economic Security Act Coalition. Alongside key legislative leaders, the Coalition lobbied legislators and organized grassroots activism to push for an omnibus bill focused on securing economic justice for Minnesota women. Our hard work paid off when, on Mother’s Day 2014, Governor Mark Dayton signed the Women’s Economic Security Act into law.

The new law, which took effect on August 1, 2014, includes provisions that:

- Close the gender pay gap
- Increase the minimum wage
- Enhance protections for victims of violence
- Help older women be economically secure
- Protect women from discrimination in the workplace
- Encourage women in non-traditional, high-wage jobs
- Expand family and sick leave for working families
- Expand access to high-quality, affordable childcare
2. Provided timely, accessible, and actionable information

Holding Statewide Trainings

The MWC kicked off Fall of 2013 by teaming up with AFSCME Council 5 at their state convention. The Consortium held trainings in Duluth on the gender-wage gap, barriers to earning income, and the history of pay equity in Minnesota.

Analyzing the Legislative Session

This year, the MWC continued its tradition of hosting Advocacy and Ale, meetings that provide our members with the chance to connect with key legislative players and stay informed about the goings-on at the Capitol. The 2014 sessions featured such guests as Executive Director of NARAL Pro-Choice Minnesota Linnea House, Executive Director of Pro-Choice Resources Karen Law, Director of the Office on the Economic Status of Women Barbara Battise, and Speaker of the House Paul Thissen.

Expanding Our Online Presence

In 2014, the MWC jumpstarted its social media presence. Find us on Facebook, Twitter, and Tumblr for the latest news and information on feminist issues in Minnesota.
3. Continued to build a resilient and vital organization

Taking Back The Campus

For the second year in a row, the MWC co-hosted Take Back the Campus at Hamline University. On October 17, 2013, students and speakers rallied against gender-based and sexual violence. The MWC is proud to partner with and support the next generation of feminist leaders.

Rocking the Capitol

In February 2014, the MWC hosted its annual Girls Rock! the Capitol event. 50 girls from all over the state gathered to learn about our state government, politics, and leadership. Speakers such as Attorney General Lori Swanson and House Majority Leader Erin Murphy inspired these future Minnesota leaders to become advocates for issues about which they feel passionate. The day culminated in a mock committee hearing, during which the girls voted to raise the minimum wage and implement comprehensive anti-bullying legislation.

Providing Resources and Referrals

Nearly every day, the MWC receives requests for resources or referrals from our member organizations and from women in need. These request come in nearly every form imaginable: online via our website, social media and email, by phone, and in person. We assist these women by connecting them to our ever-growing network of feminist advocates and organizations as well as to community partners and government agencies that provide direct services. In the last year, the Minnesota Women’s Consortium assisted 251 women and organizations.
2013-2014 Financials

Revenue

- Donors: $118,737
- Grants: $38,750
- Subleasing: $22,667
- Programs: $19,567
- Member Dues: $16,759
- Community Shares Minnesota: $1,891

Total Revenue: $218,371

Expenses

- Programs & Activities: $156,998
- Administration: $23,848
- Fundraising: $17,885

Total Expenses: $198,731
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